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1. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED GERMANS FAILED TO SHOW UP EVEN AS
OBSERVERS AT DONORS MEETING OF CARIBBEAN GROUP IN PARIS,
MAY 16. WE STILL HOPE THAT AT JUNE 1-2 FOLLOW-UP DONORS
MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, GERMANS WILL PLEDGE TO WORLD BANK
FACILITY FOR THE CARIBBEAN A SUITABLE AMOUNT. DRAWINGS
ON REFS.A AND B, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO GIVE TO APPROPRIATE

GERMAN OFFICIALS UP-BEAT REVIEW OF MAY 16 MEETING AND OF U.S. STATEMENT THERE. YOU SHOULD STRESS THE FOLLOWING:

A. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE UP TO 30 PERCENT OF INITIAL AGREED ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CDF, AND NEED CONTRIBUTION FROM MANY OTHER DONORS TO SHOW WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR CARIBBEAN AND CONVINCE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES THEY CAN LOOK TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NOT JUST SINGLE DONORS. WE WOULD EXPECT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO AMOUNT TO ON THE ORDER OF \$20 MILLION IN A DEVELOPMENT LOAN, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION TO AND APPROVAL BY OUR CONGRESS, AS WELL AS UP TO \$17.5 MILLION IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

OUR CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON COMMITMENTS BY RECIPIENTS TO THE ECONOMIC POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACTIONS ENDORSED BY THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY SUBGROUPS.

B. COMPLEMENTARY NATURE OF THE FACILITY AND BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE FUND BEING PUT TOGETHER FOR JAMAICA BY U.K. AND IMF.

C. WE CONDUCT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ALL AROUND THE WORLD NOT JUST ON THE BASIS OF PROXIMITY OR TRADITIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN A GIVEN REGION. WE GIVE THE IMAGINATIVE IBRD MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO THE CARIBBEAN HIGH PRIORITY AND HOPE OTHERS WILL DO SO ALSO.
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D. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED FRG DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN MAY 16 MEETING AND HOPE THEY WILL ATTEND JUNE 1-2 MEETINGS. (FYI: JUNE 1 DONORS MEETING HAS NOW SLIPPED TO JUNE 2; U.K. IS ORGANIZING MEETING ON AID TO JAMAICA ON JUNE 1. END FYI).

E. U.S. CONTRIBUTION IS ONLY A SHARE OF TOTAL, AND A GERMAN CONTRIBUTION WOULD NOT ONLY HELP BUT ALSO SERVE TO ASSURE OUR FULL CONTRIBUTION.

F. FRG PARTICIPATION IN JUNE 2 MEETING ON FACILITY AND A SUBSTANTIAL GERMAN CONTRIBUTION WOULD HELP OVERCOME RESERVE OF OTHER DONORS.

G. WE WOULD WELCOME FRG AS A "SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR" TO CARIBBEAN; WE ARE SURE FRG CAN GET FULL CREDIT FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN CARIBBEAN GROUP. IN FACT BY SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITY WHICH WILL BE CENTERPIECE OF JUNE 19-20 GROUP MEETING, FRG WOULD GET CREDIT AS MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR IN CARIBBEAN AREA EVEN THOUGH ITS BILATERAL PROGRAMS ARE LESS THAN THOSE OF SEVERAL

OTHER DONORS.

H. WE CONSIDER THE SUCCESS OF THE WORLD BANK FACILITY
AND BROAD PARTICIPATION IN IT IS A CRITICAL FACTOR IN
SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF CARIBBEAN
GROUP SINCE FACILITY HAS BECOME THE MAJOR INITIAL
CARIBBEAN GROUP INITIATIVE.

2. FYI. WE ARE CONSIDERING ASKING PRESIDENT TO RAISE
THIS ISSUE NEXT WEEK WITH SCHMIDT. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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